

**Announcement of Public Meeting
Requesting Public Input
on the Review of Scientific Questions
Regarding the Potential of Chromium 6+ to
Cause Cancer When Ingested**

On March 27, 2001, the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) requested the University of California to establish a “blue-ribbon” panel of expert scientists (the panel) to review scientific questions concerning the potential of chromium-6 to cause cancer when it is ingested. Cal/EPA announces on behalf of the University of California a public meeting to enable the panel to receive public input on this subject. The recommendations of the panel will assist Cal/EPA’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in the development of a Public Health Goal for chromium-6 in drinking water. The panel’s recommendations will also provide important information to assist OEHHA and the Department of Health Services in conducting a statutorily required assessment of health risks associated with the presence of chromium-6 in drinking water in the San Fernando Valley.

The meeting will be convened on:

DATE: July 25, 2001

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.)

PLACE: University of California, Davis; Alpha Gamma Rho Conference Room
in the Walter A. Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center

DIRECTIONS: Available at <http://www.alumni.ucdavis.edu/avc/directions.htm>

PARKING: Parking is available in the South Gate Parking Structure, Lot 1 or Lot 2 with an “A” or “C” permit. Daily “C” permits are available for \$4.00 from the parking permit machines in Lots 1 and 2. Permits are required Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The panel will receive testimony from interested parties. The panel requests that testimony be focused insofar as possible upon the following subject areas as they relate to chromium-6 toxicity by the oral route of exposure:

- Toxicology
- Rat and/or mouse pathology
- Animal cancer bioassays
- Epidemiology
- Human physiology and/or biological chemistry (uptake and conversion of chromium 6+ in the gastrointestinal tract, preferably in the stomach)
- Pharmacokinetics
- Risk assessment methodology

The panel also requests that relevant written materials be submitted in advance of the meeting so that members of the panel may more thoroughly consider the information. The materials should be submitted to Jerold Last, Ph.D., Chair of the Chromate Review Panel, University of California, UC Toxic Substances Program, Surge I, Room 1131, Davis, California 95616-8723, (530) 752-5593 (fax), or jalast@ucdavis.edu (e-mail) by July 23, 2001.

If you have questions concerning the meeting, please contact Mandisa Zeigler, (530) 752-2097.